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SUBJ: STATUS OF ROME PAN AM ATTACKERS

REF: JIDDA 5731 (NOTAL)

1. FIVE TERRORISTS WHO HIJACKED LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT AFTER ATTACK ON PAN AM AIRCRAFT IN ROME ARE STILL IN KUWAIT ACCORDING OUR REPORTS. WE INFORMED NATIONALITY OF FEDAYEEN INVOLVED IS ENTIRELY PALESTINIAN EXCEPT FOR ONE SYRIAN. PRESENCE OF SYRIAN APPEARS BE A FACTOR DELAYING TRUNOVER TO PLO, BUT WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY ALL INCLUDING SYRIAN WILL BE TURNED OVER.

2. MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED, HOWEVER, AS TO WHERE PLO WILL TAKE TERRORISTS FOR TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT.

SYRIAPQAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED ALLOW THEM TO BE BROUGHT TO SYRIA, WHICH APPEARS TO BE ONLY FEASIBLE PLACE WHERE DEATH SENTIENCES COULD BE CARRIED OUT. (OUR INFORMATION IS THAT PLO INTENDS EXECUTE PRISONERS). THIS PROBLEM IS PERHAPS REASON WHY MIN INTERIOR AND DEFENSE SHAIKH SAAD IS MAKING URGENT TRIP TO DAMASCUS JAN 1-2.

3. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, MORROCCAN AND PLO INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS WHO RECENTLY VISITED KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH CABI OF TERRORISTS HAVE NOW RPT NOW LEFT COUNTRY.

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